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NEW PROVINCIAL COURT JUDGE APPOINTED

VICTORIA – Rita Syal Bowry has been appointed to the bench of the British Columbia Provincial Court in Fort St. John, Attorney General Wally Oppal announced today.

She will take her seat effective Jan. 25.

Bowry has been in private practice in Dawson Creek since 1989. She was a partner with the law firm Gibb and Syal until 1995, when she joined Seyl & Bowry. She started a solo practice in 1997 and specializes as a family law mediator.

The process to appoint judges involves several steps. Interested lawyers apply and the B.C. Judicial Council, a committee made up of the chief judge, other judges, lawyers and lay people, then reviews the candidates.

The council recommends potential judges to the attorney general, with the final appointment made through a cabinet order-in-council. More information about the appointment process can be found at: www.provincialcourt.bc.ca.

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